UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: August 24, 1964

FROM: Mr. J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING
SECURITY MATTER - C

I received a telephone call Friday, 8/21/64, from SAC Bachman concerning technical coverage on King in Atlantic City. You had previously instructed that he explore the possibilities of putting technical and microphone coverage on him there.

Bachman advised that he had made a preliminary security check and that suitable reliable contacts were available at the hotel which would make possible a microphone installation, though it might be necessary to take the hotel manager into confidence to the extent of identifying King as the individual in whom they were interested. Bachman advised that as to the technical installation, a preliminary check revealed this could be done. He noted that a suite of 3 rooms had been set aside at the Claridge for the use of King and others traveling with him.

ACTION:

I told Bachman to go ahead with the microphone installation if this could be done with the understanding that no one other than the manager would have knowledge of our interest in King, and that neither the manager nor anyone else would have knowledge of the nature of the coverage. I further pointed out that it would be necessary that Newark be in a position to assure full security from a technical point of view.

I also authorized Bachman to go ahead on the telephone installation provided this could be done with full security. It should be noted in this connection we already have authority from the Attorney General to cover any residence which King may use with a technical telephone installation.

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